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TITLE OF INVENTION BOTTLE RACK

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Notice of Allowability

Application No.
09/113,868

Applicant(s)
DUNN et al.

Examiner
Pamela A. Wilson

Group Art Unit
3744



All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course.

☒ This communication is responsive to examiner/attorney interview of 8/9/99.

☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-20.

☐ The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been
☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.

☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS

☐ because the originally filed drawings were declared by applicant to be informal.

☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 7.

☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed on _____, which has been approved by the examiner.

☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment/Comment.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the reverse side of the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any response to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE/SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). 5

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

☒ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material

☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Pamela A. Wilson
PATENT EXAMINER, GAU 3744

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Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement filed 7/12/99 fails to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97, 1.98 and MPEP § 609 because the product literature, of Safety 1st and Mommy's Helper, Inc., has not been provided with the date and place of each publication. The aforementioned literature has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered as to the merits. Applicant is advised that the date of any re-submission of any item of information contained in this information disclosure statement or the submission of any missing element(s) will be the date of submission for purposes of determining compliance with the requirements based on the time of filing the statement, including all certification requirements for statements under 37 CFR 1.97(e). See MPEP § 609 ¶ C(1).

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. John Knoble on August 9, 1999.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In the specification:

page 6, line 25; page 7, lines 1, 2 and 5, delete "disc" and insert --disk--; and,
page 6, line 25, delete "discs" and insert --disks--.

In the claims:

claim 1, line 1, delete ", such as a baby bottle",
claim 1, line 5, delete " such as a baby bottle",
claim 1, line 7, delete "relatively close" and insert --adjacent--,
claim 1, line 9, delete "at a large angle with respect to" and insert --so as to extend outwardly from--,
claim 1, line 10, delete, "such as a baby bottle",
claim 8, line 2, delete "such a baby bottles"
claim 13, line 3, delete "relatively close" and insert --adjacent--; and,
claim 19, line 1, delete ", such as a baby bottle,".

Remarks

The invention of Chang presents a multiple article drying rack which includes a tray adapted to be supported by an underlying surface, a bottle support means 14 for supporting baby bottles B, a support means 48 for nipple caps N and a support means 18 for nipple cap covers C. However, the Chang drying rack does not provide a disk holding means for baby bottle disks.

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Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art does not teach or disclose applicant's invention of a apparatus for storing articles which comprises, in combination, a tray having an upper face provided with a plurality of pegs, which are permanently mounted to the upper face of the tray wherein the pegs are moveable between a first position for storing and a second position for operative use and wherein the apparatus can be folded for the purposes of packaging and storage.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pamela Wilson whose telephone number is (703) 308-2620.

Pamela A. Wilson: paw
Patent Examiner
September 13, 1999

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela A. Wilson".